THE PRESIDENT'S GROWING STRENGTH.

VIEWS OF A BUSINESS MAN FROM THE HOOSIER STATE-THE WORLD'S FAIR.

long as Indiana remains a doubtful State so will Presidents and Vice-Presidents be chosen from within its boundaries, and so long will specia rest be felt in the movements of its political ers. They have been somewhat disturbed of late. The disturbance has caused an endless amount of speculation and invested all reports from there with an unusual interest, particularly if one happens to be nade by an Indianian who is not a professional politician. Such a man is F. T. Roots, of Connersville, son-in-law of ex-Congressman Heilman, of the 1st Indiana District. He is a business man, a banker and a manufacturer. He was formerly associated in enginess with J. N. Huston, ex-Treasurer of the He and Mr. Ruston are still warm ends, but Mr. Roots does not pretend to represent Mr. Huston in what he says regarding the political

Mr. Roots opened the conversation by referring to the business outlook. "There is every reason." said he, "to believe that next year will witness wond rful activity in commercial circles throughout the country. several factors will unite to bring this about. First, there is a growing enthusiasm within a very large radius of Chicago because of the World's Fair. subject is upon every tongue, and because of its far reaching results, touching almost every phase of life. all are deeply interested. Even the school-children are aroused. My little boy, eight years of age, asked me the other day for a cent. He said that each of the scholars was contributing to have an Educational ailding at the World's Fair. Thus are parents touched and made to realize that they have a personal interest in the matter. This is one phase of the World's Fair from the social point of view. And if so carefully nursed, think of what wonderful importance it will be to the ommercial world, because each of the avenues, com ercially speaking, are being worked as adroitly to swaken an interest among business-men as they are among families. Again, by next year we shall begin to realize fully what it means in this country to have a wheat erop of \$500,000,000 in value, a corn crop of 2,000,000,000 bushels, an out crop of \$265,000,000 in value, and a cotton crop second only to one in the the Continent is and will illustrate that 'This an ill wind that blows no one good.' Already in our section old debts are being paid off, bank balances are increasing, and the farmer will have something where-withal to buy bread, which is a perfect bomb in the

camp of the Alliance calamity shrickers."

Politics was next taken up. "What are your people going to do with President Harrison?" repeated Mr. "My rejoinder: 'What is the country going to So far he seems to be abundantly able to take care of himself. Never in the history of Presidents has a man so completely disarmed National prejudice and won the admiration of both parties as Benjamin Harrison. In the last two weeks I have been in Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Toledo. Buffalo, New-York, Philadelphia and other cities, and am more than gratified (being a Hoosier) to find in personal interviews this statement corroborated. It s true that Mr. Harrison has been compelled, not from choice, but from force of circumstances, to disappoint many of the line politicians. But nobody has suffered deeper regret than the President himself. You will remember that on his way to the inauguration he stopped at Richmond, Ind., and among other things be said, if I remember correctly, that disappointments and aggravations among the friends of the party and its adherents must necessarily follow in the future, and nobody would be more pained than himself because of his presupposed inability to satisfy the desires and cravings of all that would come.

"This was prophetic and has come to pass, and knong this class he has been censured more or less But as to the country at large, what is the verdict I was in your city, made a tour of this State and Connectiont, during the Presidential canof 1888, and, being from Indiana, I was continually beset with the question, Who is Har-Harrison, but Who is greater than Harrison, except James G. Blaine, 'the schoolmaster of the world? This condition of affairs has been reached because he has carned his just reward. No man who has ever asordeal that Harrison was during the canvass of hat ordeal that Harrison was during the canvass of 1888, when at Indianapolis repeated delegations, from all the walks of life, called upon him and demanded a speech from him. Each one of the speeches will remain as models of oratory, discreet and complete as to their phrasology. His triumphal tour through the South meteoric as it were in flight, yet left in its trail speeches that are gems and will ever live upon the pages of political history, Mr. Harrison being one who as a candidate of his party, or as its representanot be muzzled for fear of his talking too much. The business world looks upon his admini tration with the greatest confidence and repose. As, for example, when the crash came in November, 1890, and, adding to the uncertainity, the Pree Coinage bill seemed to stalk triumphantly through the Senate of the ble effect upon the feverish state of affairs, because every financier and banker knew that Mr. Harrison would veto not only that bill, but any bill of a pernicious nature, and that any wild-

would veto not only that bill, but any bill of a pernicious nature, and that any wild-cat legislation would receive his disapproval and become a law only over his veto.

"Briefly, let me say that an Administration that has given us an honest dollar, and at the same time consumed products of the American mines, an Administration that causes Germany to treat us with respect in the Samoan question, that causes England to stand at a respectful distance in the Behring Sea troubles, an Administration that will doubtless add to the payroll of the United States to her laborers \$10,000,000 in tin plage alone, an Administration that has effected reciprocal relations with Brazil, Cuba, Porto Rico, San Domingo and the British West Indies, and has on file in the State Department treaties pending with Mexico, Guntemala, Costa Rica, Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, and Ecuador, is an Administration whose equal has never been in the history of our country as a business man's Administration, and if continued, either under Blaine or Harrison, during the next four years will give untold wealth to a Nation wild is now the richest on the earth. The question would seem to resolve itself into this, Who will be the candidate of the party in "2.7 There scellis to be a universal concession, as far as one is able to judge, that unless James G. Blaine desires the nomination, Mr. Harrison will be renominated, because he has earned it, and instead of whether Benjamin Harrison is capable of wearing his grandinther's hat, the question will be, who in the Republican party, except James G. Blaine, can wear with grace and ability the hat of Benjamin Harrison."

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS SORE AT MILLS'S FATE. Chicago, Dec. 25 (Special).—The leading Democrats of Illinois are still mourning over Mills's defeat and refuse to be comforted. They thiny Springer's elevation to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee is a great mistake. The following is the language of Judge Henry, one of the most prominent erats of Southern Illinois: "I have been Democratic voter in Central-Southern Illinois for thirtyfive years. In all these years the party has not been in so critical a condition as now. Indignation, dis-rust, despair are everywhere. Mr. Lane is universally approved in his course on the Speakership question ret it is doubtful if he or any other man could be elected from this district as a Democrat, if the election should come off now. Hope is almost gone in the potency of the Democratic party to accomplish the reforms demanded by and promised to the people.
We are jeered at on every hand by Alliance men and
Republicans alike. 'lia, who's in the saddle now!' we hear on every hand, and we have nothing to -ay. It is a miserable business that a man who makes himself the champion of the people's interest can be stricken down in the Democratic party, and that by a few men who everybody ought to know are only make-believe Democrats."

JOHN M. THURSTON ON THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK. Chicago, Dec. 26 (Special).-John M. Thurston, Nebraska's Republican leader, is in the city and talks Said he: "I am of the opinion that there is perfect understanding existing between President Harrison and Secretary Blaine, but of what that understanding is I am ignorant, and I share ignorance with thousands of other Republicans who profess to know more. There is much floating through the daily press in regard to the next election that is misleading. The

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Democrats cannot carry Indiana, Ohio, Iowa or any other Northern State, barring New-York and Montana The latter will almost without doubt go Republican while New-York is to be the fighting ground. Virginias are also worthy of a strong contest and may go Republican. All in all, I consider the next election as favorable for the Republicans. The Democrat, can-not carry the country, though they may contrive to throw the election into the House of Representatives, which is equivalent to a Democratic victory. That is their only hope."

TO DRAW LOTS FOR PATRONAGE. TAMMANY ALDERMEN DIVIDING THEIR LITTLE

SPOILS.

There are fifteen places to be distributed among the twenty-one Tammany Hall Aldermen in the new Board of 1892, and the Aldermen will meet at the Wigwam some time this week to "draw cuts" for this patronage. The usual mode is to place twenty-one slips, or the number of Tammany Alderman, in a hat; six are blank and the other litteen bear the designation of the several offices to be drawn for. Two of these are clerkships at \$1,200 a year, four at \$1,000 a several-takens at four at \$1,000, a librarian at \$1,000, a sergeant-at-arms at

The salary of deputy clerk is \$2,500 a year. Alderman Nicholas T. Brown will be continued as chairman of the Finance Committee, which also makes him a member of the Sinking Fund Commission. Alderman Rollin M. Morgan will be reappointed chairman of the Law and Railroads

The Republican members of the Board of 1892 are Whitfield Van Cott, of the VIIth; George B. Morris, of the XIth, and James A. Cowie, of the XIIIth. Alderman Morris enters upon his fourth successive term; Alderman Cowie represented his district from 1885 to 1890. Alderman Van Cott will appear as a member for the first time when the Board meets for organization on Tuesday week. Aldermen School and Schott are new members elected by the Re-publicans and anti-Tammany citizens of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

A SCRAMBLE FOR A SENATORSHIP. Chicago, Dec. 26 (Special),—A dispatch from Austin, Tex., says: "Another complication may be added to the Senatorial fight in Texas. Ex-Senator Reagan is now said to be a candidate. He went out of the United States Senate less than a year ago to accept the chairmanship of the Texas State Railrond Com-mission. The State had been having a sort of a history of this country. Russia's misfortune will be circus with the railroads for years and Senator Reagan, our opportunity, and the partial failure of crops on it was thought, as one of the framers of the Interstate circus with the railroads for years and Senator Rengan, Commerce law, might be able to bring order out of chaos. He has accomplished this and the railreads of Texas are now strictly obeying the law. Mr. Reagan is satisfied with the result and it is said he believes the work can go on without him. Hence he feels at liberty to return to the Senate and has about decided to enter the race. A new Legislature is to be elected next fall and three candidates are already in the field with the possibility that the woods are full of others Mr. Chilton, who is filling Mr. Reagan's unexpired term, wants to be returned. Judge Culberson is a candidate and Mr. Mills has informally announced his candidacy. Governor Hogg may decide that he wants it, and if Mr. Reagan joins in the scramble it will become decidedly interesting."

GILBERT AND CELLIER'S NEW OPERAL

THE MOUNTEBANKS" HAS ITS DRESS RE-HEARSAL-OTHER MATTERS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

London, Dec. 26.-Mr. Cellier's illness and consequent inability to finish the orchestration have com-pelled the postponement of the dress rehearsal, at the Lyric of "The Monntebank," the opera which is the work of himself and Mr. Gilbert. This rehearsal, however, occurred to day, and the first performance scene of the opera is laid in the Island of Sicily. The scene of the opera is laid in the Island of Sicily. The time is the early part of the present century, and Mr. Gilbert indulges freely in his humorous, satirical and paradoxical vein.

The opera opens with a chorus of Dominican monks in Latin, followed by a chorus of members of the Tamorra, a secret ecclety which combines brigadage with a thirst for veigeance. The Tamorras desire vengeance because of the wrongful conviction, 500 years ago, of the brother of the mother of their ancestor's pext-door neighbor. Much of the fun of the opera arise from the drinking of a magic potion in the possession of a travelling showman named Pietro, which has the effect of making every one who takes it exactly what he pretends to be. Mr. Monkhouse as Pietro's clown, and Miss Jenoure as his dancing girl, pretend for reasons to be waxwork figures, and are accordingly transformed into automatic figures of Hamlet and Ophella, worked on the peany-in-the-slot principle, a notion which results in a variety of droll absurdities.

The cast includes F. Wyatt, as Alessandro, captain of the Tamorras; A. Playfair, as Giorgio, and Charles Gilbert, as Luigi, members of the band; J. Robertson, as Alfredo, a young peasant, loved by Ultrice, but in is a street, a young property of the show-leve with Teresa: Lionel Brough, as Pietro, the show-man, and H. Monkhouse, as Bartolo, the show-that they were well-undation, and that there was Teresa, the village beauty, who is in love with her-The part of Ultrice is taken by Miss Lucille Saunders, while Miss Aida Jenoure appears as Nita, a dancing girl. The first act presents a morning view of an inn in a picturesque Sicilian pass, while the secand act shows the exterior of a Dominican monastery by moonlight. The opera is produced under the musi cal direction of Mr. Ivan Caryll.

The Prince of Wales was present on Tuesday at the Stock Exchange Orchestral Society's smoker, which was given in Prince's Hall. This society was formed in 1863 by a number of amateurs of musical tastes, con nected with the London Stock Exchange. It has been successful, and has now attained a lending place among the amateur musical societies of this Among the other distinguished guests present at the smoker were the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Clarence, the Duke of Fife, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Lord Mayor of London. The dress suits which the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence wore on this occasion were made of a slightly ough material, faced with heavy wilk. The waistconts were only moderately opened. Both wor-mother-of-pearl shirt studs and wide white necktles Both wore The feature of the concert was the choral ballad, "The Death of Young Romilly." An artistic setting of Wordsworth's "The Founding of Bolton Abbey," by the president of the society. Mr. Rend, was given and aroused marked enthusiasm. His work was sung by the choir of male voices added to the society a few years ago. The Prince of Wales was much pleased the entertainment, and highly complimented President Read on the great success achieved by the

At the reappearance of the Gulety Company in "Cinder Ellen Up Too Late." the company received a most hearty reception by the great crowd of ardent admirers who thronged the theatre. Fred Leslie, E. J. Lonnen, Miss Sylvia Grey and all the other old favor-ites were greeted in a vigorous manner, the applause of the delighted andience being at times of a tunnituous character. Miss Nelly Farren was absent, owing to an attack of rheumatic fever, but Katie James proved a good substitute. The new burlesque cannot be classed among the best of the Galety productions. The pit vigorously hissed at the end of the perform-

Another occurrence of the week was Grace Haw therne's effective personation of Nancy in the American

version of "Oliver Twist" at the Olympic. Mme. Adiny, the American prima donna, who ha seen one of the principal singers at the Paris Opera for the last five or six years, will probably sever her connection with that institution this winter. In June she will come to London for the Covent Garden senson, and there is talk of her making an American tour. Mrs. R. A. Atwater, of Omaha, Neb., who has been

studying for some time in London and Paris with a view of singing opera in France and England, is now In Paris, and expects to make her debut in concert this In Paris, and expects of month. Mrs. Atwater's stage name is Pregina. Negotiations are in progress to have Mrs. Atwater sing in Italian opera next season at Covent Garden.

Johann Strauss, in the presence of several intimate friends, on Thursday, played the music for his new opera, "litter Prasman," which will be heard for the first time at the Vienna Opera House on New Year's Day. Judged from the plane rendering of the music, the opera is a work of exquisite melody and skilmi orchestration, the parts for the ballet displaying all the composer's unique talent for writing dance music. Radyard Kipling is engaged to be married to the sister of Wolcott Balestier, the young American novellst, who died at Dresden recently.

A French Government committee of experts has been appointed to organize in the Bibliotheque Nationale an exhibit of documents filustrative of the Columbus centenary.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," has taken the Theatre Royal for the production of her new play, "The Showman's Daughter." Mrs. Atwater's stage name is Pregina. Ne-

SECRETARY POSTER STILL INDOORS. Washington, Dec. 26.-Secretary Foster continues to improve slowly, but the prevailing bad weather com-pels him to remain indoors.

THROUGH CAR TO SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILEOAD. The first through car from New York to San Francisco, Cal., over the Pennselvania Railroad, will leave New-York at 2 p. m., Monday, January 4, 1862. Borths may be seened at any ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

CAPTAIN COULSON'S EXPERIENCES IN ALASKAN WATERS

Washington, Dec. 26.-Captain Coulson, commanding the revenue cutter Rush, has made a report to the Treasury Department of the cruise of that vessel in said that the weather was botsterous nearly the entire time, with strong winds, heavy seas, snow, hall and rain. Considerable difficulty was experienced in executing the orders of the Department in regard to the collection of data in regard to pelagic scaling, and the landing of mall and stores on the Scal Islands. Lieutenants Newcomb and Ouinan were landed on St Paul Island to gather facts in relation to the fisheries St. George Island was also visited for the same pur pose, but the stormy weather rendered a landing im-

Captain Coulson says he is convinced that if it is necessary to guard the rookeries on St. Paul and 500 and four massengers at 5000 each.

Michael F. Blake, present deputy cierk, will succeed Captain F. J. Twomey as Clerk of the Board of Aldermen; saiary, 55,000. Mr. Blake's successor will be David J. Connell, who is a satellite of Register Fitzgerald in the Lat Assembly District, and holds a place in the Register's office. St. George Islands until December 1 or later, it would only be required to be at the stations or rookerles on the lee side of the islands, as it is impossible to land on the weather side in bad weather. In calm weather a guard should be placed at each rookery He says he is satisfied that when the sea is smooth landings and raids are now possible, unless the

cutters are on the spot. On November 27 Captain Coulson, of the Rush, and Captain Healy, of the Bear, had a conference on St. George Island, and as the seals had nearly all left the rookeries, it was decided that it was not necessary for the vessels to remain at the islands after December 1, as at that time the stormy weather was a smillernt guard for the few seals then remaining on the islands.

THE CLAIM OF GEN. MARSTON'S HEIRS. A DECISION THAT HIS PAY AS AN ARMY OFFICER

CEASED WHEN HE ENTERED CONGRESS. Washington, Dec. 26 (Special) .- The Second Controller of the Treasury Department has had an intersting case before him in the claim of the heirs of General Gilman Marston for money due from the Govalso as brigadier-general. The question involved in case was whether or not a man could legally be a Member of Congress and an Army officer at the same time, and draw a salary for each office during the period; the heirs of General Mareton basing their claim upon the fact that he had not received any pay as colonel while he was sliting as a member of the XXXVIIth and XXXIXth Congresses. The fact that Colonel Marston took the cath of office as a member of the XXXVIIth Congress twenty-three days after patriotic motives, for while in Congress General boycott, held in New-York on January 6, when it is Marston drew pay as a Member of Congress only, and never presented any claim for military service ren-

a a Congressman. The Controller holds that, under the Constitution, he vacated ipso facto the place of colonel in taking the oath as Congressman. The Controller regards the failure of Marston to file any claim for these military services, so-called, as conclusive evidence that Marston himself did not consider that he had any just claim against the United States. "This is rendered more conclusive," says the Controller, "from the fact that General Marston was a man well vereed in law and well posted in Governmental claims." It finally appears that the Marston heirs are entitled to only three days' pay for Marston's services as a colonel three days' pay for Marston's services as a colonel, he having been sworn in as a Congressman on March 4, and not having been paid as a volunteer officer for the first three days of the month. The Controller holds, in conclusion, "that no person, while a member of Congress, can legally hold another office under the United States, and that no person, while a member of Congress, can receive the salary of a member thereof, and for the same time legally receive the salary of another office from the United States."

dered the United States while he was drawing a salary

THE CHILIAN SITUATION.

CABINET OFFICERS DENY WARLIKE RUMORS-OPTIMISTIC VIEWS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- This is the day on which enor Jorge Montt will be inaugurated as President of Caill; but so far as can be learned no news of the occurrence has yet been received from Minister Egan.
There can be no doubt of the design of the officers of the State and Navy Departments to allay any apprehension of war between the United States and Chill that may have been caused by alarming newspaper publications. Secretary Tracy this morning said: The talk of the war is all in the newspapers. The Secretary further showed some impatience at the reiteration of warlike stories and said emphatically nothing in the situation to warrant their accel He called attention to the fact that the Boston, which has fust arrived at Valparalso, had sailed promptly for San Francisco, and repeated what Assistant Secretary Seley had previously said, that not a single vessel o the Navy is now under orders to proceed to Chill.

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Mr. Soley was subsequently asked to explain the departure of the Charleston from Homolulu to Valparaiso on the 17th, as reported from the Hawalian Islands. In reply he said that he did not believe that the Charleston had taken any such course, and that he was sure she was not going to Chill.

The officials at the State Department were non-communicative of news, but took such an op imistic view of the situation as to warrant a bellef, strengthened by the fact that Secretaries Blaine and Tracy have been in consultation to-day with the President, that some news of a most reassuring character has been received from the American representative in Chill.

A PREMIUM PUT ON 2 PER CENT BONDS. Washington, Dec. 26.-The Treasury Department is nformed that a premium of 5 per cent had been placed by certain gentlemen in Ohlo for a number of 2 per cent bonds, to be used in the organization of a National bank in that State.

NO INSPECTION OF CATTLE IN TRANSIT. Washington, Dec. 26 .- On the advice of the Secretar of Agriculture, Acting Secretary Spaulding has informed ms officials on the northern frontier that Canadia catile passing through United States territory under bond and seal for exportation at Portland, Me., are not subject to inspection at the various quarantine station established for the purpose of inspecting Canadian live stock imported into the United States.

CENSUS CLERKS TO BE FURLOUGHED. Washington, Dec. 26.-Owing to the insufficiency the appropriation for the making of the eleventh census about 200 clerks of the Census Bureau will be furloughe between January 1 and 15 for thirty or sixty days without pay.

PROGRESS OF THE GRAVES TRIAL.

Denver, Dec. 26.-In the Graves trial to-day Mr. stevens announced that, after an examination of the letter introduced on Thursday, the prosecution with drew all objections to its being admitted in evidence This is the letter which it was alleged the doctor wrote to Mrs. Barnaby in San Francisco at the time she was on her way to Denver, and at about the time the fatal bottle was malled. The intention is to prove from it that Graves thought Mrs. Barnaby was in San Francisco, and that, therefore, he would not have malled the bottle to her in Denver if he thought she was elsewhere. Judge Furman read the letter which explained to Mrs. Earnaby how to get the doctor's checks cashed, and which told of the death of his brother. It was dated March 27, and was posted at Providence, on March 30. Mr. Stevens then said he wished the letter to go into evidence under instructions of the court. The letter was passed from juror to juror, and finally was handed back to Judge Furman. The defence appeared jubilant, but the prosecution was not unhappy. Judge Furman resumed the doctor's direct examination, and the witness donied that he had told Mrs. Hickey that he had engaged Dollie Hanley to act as a spy on Mrs. Barnaby. He was in Denver in March last, with his brother's body. This closed Dr. Graves's direct examination, and Mr. Stevens began his cross-examination. the fatal bottle was mailed. The intention is to

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RAILROAD INTERESTS. PRESIDENT HOOD'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (Special).-President Hood, of the Vestern Maryland, has issued a statement showing a arge increase in revenue during the last four months. the result of the recently established connection hrough the Cumberland Valley between the Baltinore and Ohio and Philadelphia and Reading systems brought about by bridging the Susquehanna River and utilizing the Harrisburg and Potomac Railway and the Baltimore and Cumberland Valley line of this company, thus establishing a new route between Harris-burg and Hagerstown for anthracite and bitumin-ma coal, coke, pigtron, steel rails and other heavy commodities. Mr. Hood further says, appreciating that the long circuit from Hagerstown, via Waverly, Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg to Cherry Run would prove a serious drawback to this line, arrangements Williamsport, on the Potomac River, to Cherry Run, W. Va., under charters taken out in the names of the Potomac Valley Railroad Company and the Potomac Valley Railroad Company of West Virginia. The work on this fourteen-mile extension is now nearing comernment at the time of his death for services as a on this fourteen-mile extension is now nearing com-colonel of volunteers in the War of the Rebellion, and pletion, and as a result a saving of forty-one miles in the through line will be effected. Unlike other new roads the Potomac Valley will start operations with as much business as it can handle. The gross earnings of the Western Maryland Railroad and its branches during the year were \$001.578 03; net earnings, \$333,209 05; expenditures in betterments, \$81.709 07.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO MEET IN JANUARY. Chicago, Dec. 26 (Special).—An effort has been made to have the meeting of the Joint Committee of the Trunk Line and Central Traffic Associations by the Controller as a course actuated by hopest and of commissions on passenger business, and the Alton hoped a full attendance will be secured. It is gener ally believed that while passenger relations will be resumed with the Alton, the opposition to the pay ment of commissions will be continued, and an effort made to have some compact arranged between connecting lines whereby a fair exchange and division of business can be had without the payment of commissions by anybody.

> DETERMINED TO LUT THE ALTON BOYCOTT. Chicago, Dec. 26 (Special).-" The Evening Journal" says: "John G. Williams, general manager of the Vandalia road, is determined that the boycott against the Alton shall be lifted. Mr. Williams's position regarding this matter is understood also to be the chief cason for his appointment of John Chesebrough to neceed E. A. Ford as general passenger agent of the

> FREIGHT OFFICES CONSOLIDATED. Louisville, Dec. 26 (Special).—The general freight office of the Louisville Southern road will on January 1 be consolidated with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Air Line office here under H. F. Smith. A. V. Lafayette, formerly general freight agent of the Louisville and Nashville, and one of the best-known freight men in the South, is left out by the change.

CHAIRMAN FINLEY SUSTAINED. Chicago, Dec. 26 (Special).-The arbitrators in the

appeal case of the St. Paul and Kansas City Road against the decision of Chairman Finley finding it guilty of a misuse of mileage tickets handed down their decision to-day. The decision sustains the chair man in all he did in the case, and leaves no doubt as to his powers in the premises.

A DECISION AGAINST THE ROCK ISLAND. Chicago, Dec. 26 (Special).—An important decision was Enade by Chairman Finley to day in relation to the application of the Rock Island Road for permission

orate opinion on the subject of excessive commissions, and gave their reasons for thinking that a big confidence game is being played. After reviewing the various charges and counter-charges in regard to cutting rates, the commissioners say: "In the opinion of the commissioners this whole transaction has the appearance of being a persistent effort on the part of A. E. John-son & Co. and other immigrant agents in New-York to break down the agreed schedule of commissions by making payment themselves in excess thereof and the bringing forward the fact of such payments as foundation for applications for relief. Each case, when run down, is traced to those concerns and goes no further, and while it is possible there are association lines that have been drawn into complications with them by repesentations and inducements concerning traffic to be obtained, the commissioners fall to see any occasion for authorizing any variation from the agreed basis. The development of the facts which have thus been made to appear is of use in showing the persistency with which parties interested as brokers in procuring a flow of immigration from abroad in order to receive a reward for their ability to route the immigrants over this or that line constantly endeavor to break down the reasonable safeguards railroad companies have to protect their revenues from attack, and the circum-stances shown emphasize the importance of some under-standing upon the subject, if possible, which shall be nore firm in its nature than the simple agreement

more firm in its nature than the simple agreement restricting the amount to be paid, which now constitutes the only protection."

The commissioners say they have a number of plans under consideration, which were discussed in a meeting held on December 16, and which will be laid before the advisory board at its meeting in New-York on January 12. Among these plans is one which contemplates the establishment of a joint agency in New-York. It is the most popular and will in all probability be recommended for adoption.

D., L. AND W.'S WESTERN PLANS. Mushegon, Mich., Dec. 26 (Special).-The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company is figuring with various Michigan railroads upon a new line to the scaboard. This company owns the Winona and Green Bay road that runs into Kewaunee, and wants a lin across the State to connect with a boat line from Kewaunce. The Manistee and No theastern road, with the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern and the Grand Trunk, are figuring with the company. The boat line may terminate here, and in anticipation of this people are happy. Grand Haven is also eager to secure the boats and the transfer depots, and some Manistee people declare that their port has already been chosen by the road company.

TAXES OVERDUE BY AN INDIANA ROAD.
Etwood, Ind., Dec. 26 (TpectaT).—The Midiand Railroad
Company owes this county over \$5,000 for taxes, which
the treasurer has failed to collect. The matter has been
placed in the hands of the State Auditor, who will use egal measures if the sum is not paid immediately.

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FRENCH CANADIANS AND THE REPUBLIC. THEIR PITNESS FOR CITIZENSHIP NOT TO BE TESTED BY RELIGIOUS HATREDS.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: There appeared in The Tribune of Decembe 4 a correspondence, signed by Calvin E. Amaron, grossly unjust to the French Canadians of the United States and those of Canada as well. As a French Canadian by birth, and for nearly twenty years ar American citizen, with an extensive acquaintance mong the Franco-Canadian population of New-York and the New-England States, I claim to be as competent to judge the feelings of our people toward republican Institutions as Mr. Amaron, and I do not hesitate to repudiate every one of his ill-timed accusations against our race. I fail to see in his entire analysis of the French element's qualifications to become American citizens anything else than religious arguments, and in this great Republic, whose Constitution recognizes either sect nor creed, is it not dangerous ground to tread upon? While there may exist in the Province o Quebec the remnants of certain obnoxious laws dis criminating, perhaps, 'n favor of Catholic, they are the exception, and are disappearing with each legislative session. Francis Wayland Glen, from his Anglo-Saxon origin, becomes a far more impartial judge of this question than our French Protestant college presi dent. The former gentleman treats the matter discussion in a logical way, while the other takes an entirely sectarian view of the case.

Is not every country realizing, as time progresses that its old laws are not adapted to modern ideas and need to be amended, and are amended? Such is the case with the Province of Quener, and at every session of the Legislature new laws are enacted entirely in accord with advancing civilization. The statement of our college president that the "French are monarchical in their ideas and altogether out of sympathy with our American way of thinking on political, ecclesiastical and educational matters," is nothing more than a joke at best; and were it not for the fact that he signs himself a college president, I would suggest his looking over the legislative proceedings of the Province of Quebec since 1867, so as to become more accurately Ing over the legislative proceedings of the Province of Quebee since 1867, so as to become more accurately informed in this matter. What does the Liberal party stand for in Canada? Reform of all the abuses created by the long and unscrupulous administration of Sir John Macdonaid, reciprocity and closer trade relations with the United States, and in fact for everything that will tend to bring Canada on a par with other progressive nations. And was not Quebee the only Frovince in the whole Dominion that elected a majority of its representatives from the ranks of the Liberal party in last spring's elections? Yet Mr. Amaron would have your readers believe that this same province is at least a century behind the others in the way of progress and Liberalism. As regards Father Hammond's book on the "Dangers of Assimilation," I am afraid it is very much in the same state as "Your Heritage, or New-England Threatened", both need extensive advertising to become popular; but I protest against the good name of the Franco-Canadian-Americans being used to accomplish this result. However, I have one interest in common with Mr. Amaron, and that is the success of the Republican party; though we are not agreed on the method of accomplishing our purpose. He would have all French Catholics repudiated from the ranks of the Republican party, and I would have every one of them vote the Republicant ticket. I have in my possession statistics that will prove to Mr. Amaron that 75 per cent of the French voters of this state, and they will number 45,000 next year, are good loval Republicans, and I challenge any one to contradict my assertions.

Troy, N. Y., Dec, 4, 1891.

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URGING AID FOR RUSSIA. ro the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: What can this country do for poor, suffering, famine-stricken Russia? When fire or flood lays waste our own cities, we feel that we cannot run rallroad trains fast enough it sending relief to the sufferers. Are not the dwellers in Russia our brothers and sisters? Then why may not our Government be induced to send them such aid as shall prevent further deaths from that most dreaded of foes, starvation?

E. B.

FOR A GREAT FOOD EXPOSITION.

ro the Editor of The Tribune.

Kochester, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1891.

Sir: Referring to an article which has appeared in the press of New-York in regard to "Rival Food Ex positions," permit me to say in behalf of the Food Mar ufacturers' Association that this association is not aware that any such rivalry exists, nor is cognizant of the fact that two food expositions are to be held in this city during the coming year. The fair to be held at Lenox Lyceum by the New York Retail Grocers Association has no connection whatever with the food exposition to be given at Madison Square Garden in October next. The former is simply a fair or exposition of grocers' supplies, embracing everything per-taining to the grocery trade. The exposition to be held at Madison Square Garden is to be devoted exclusively to food products, and only such manufactured articles of food will be allowed on exhibition as the manufacturer is willing to put his name upon and war-Chicago, Dec. 20 (Special).—The commissioners of the application of the Rock Island Road for permission to meet outside competition in regard to the payment of commissions on transcontinental immigrant business. The Rock Island at first gave notice that it would meet this competition, but Chairman Finley informed at that it must not do so without his permission, as the payment of commissions was the one thire which the agreement debarred roads from acting of on their plained of. To-day's decision declared that the Rock plained of. To-day's decision declared that the Rock plained of. To-day's decision declared that the Rock plained of commissions agreed to. He therefore restricted the properties of the progress of this country as a food producer, and was born at Ports. While at Lynn he was considered that the Rock plained of commissions agreed to. He therefore restricted the properties of the country in the world.

The QUESTION OF EXCESSIVE COMMISSIONS. Chilangs, Dec. 26 (Special).—The commissioners of the country is a subded is such as to warrant its being of interests and the country in the world. The commissioners of the country in the world in the properties of the country in the world. The commissioners of the country is such as to warrant its being of interests and the country in the world. The commissioners of the country is such as to warrant its being of interests and the country in the country is such as to warrant its being of interests and the country in the country is the page. The country is to be propertied to the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he married Charlotte, daughter of John the same time he ma rant to be the same as he offers for sale to the public This is a questi m involving the health of the nation, and one that cannot fail to appeal to and interest every class of people, the rich and poor alike. The monta of October, 1892, was selected as the date of holding this important Exposition, on account of its being the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. It is proposed to show the development and progress of this country as a food producer for the past 400 years, particularly during the last century, and to exhibit to the nations of the earth the fact that the United States is the greatest food-producing country in the world.

Not alone will the manufacturers be represented, but the growers as well. A special feature will be made of dairy products, also of the fruits and vegetables of California and the fisheries of New-England and Oregon. I trust that you will parch may thus trespassing upon your time, but the importance of the suffect is such as to warrant its being of interest to the people generally through sut the country, more particularly to the citizens of New-York, where the Exposition is to be held.

New-York, Dec. 20, 1891.

CRIMINAL DILEMMA OF STATE OFFICIALS. to the Editor of The Tribune. It seems to me that the criminal dilemma in the matter of the stolen Dutchess County returns may

e stated as follows: 1. If the returns were taken before they were delivered by the postoffice officials to the State officials, their

taking was a violation of the Federal postal laws. 2. If the returns were taken after they were deliv-ered to the State officials, then the act of returning was complete, no further return is necessary, and the esponsibility is for pilfering documents in the official custody of a State officer, or for unlawfully removing documents by such State officer.

Certainly the State officials either had the docucertainly the state of the control o

DEATH OF C. C. SHACKFORD. Boston, Dec. 26 (Special).—C. C. Shackford, formerly professor in Cornell University, died of the grip



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Papa-But, darling, Singer machines don't mal dollies!

L G .- O, yes, papa, we saw 'em! an' mamma said it was the Singer place, an' all the pretty flowers an' pictures an' dollies was made on the Singer machine, an', oh, papa! such pretty

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body was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ellis, at Jamaica Plain. Professor Shackford was a well-known resident of Brookline and a member of the Thursday Club. He entered Phillips Exeter Academy in 1831, being then a resident of Portsmouth, N. H., and was graduated from Harvard College in 1885 in the class with Judge E. Rockwood Hoar. In college he was an associate editor of the college magazine,

DEERING'S OAKS, PORTLAND.

M. C. Robbins, in Garden and Forest, M. C. Robbins, in Garden and Forest.

What Washington Irving has done for the Hudson, what Whitter and Emerson have done for the Monadnock and Chocorua, Longiellow has done for Portlandhis native city—and for its pleasant woods. Forever in his verse will linger "the beautiful town that is seated by the sea," while we—can see the shadowy lines of the trees,

And catch in sudden gleams

The sheen of the far-surrounding seas,

And Islands that were the Hesprides

Of all my boyish dreams.

Of all my boylsh dreams.

Nor is it merely a poetic license to call the chief city of Maine beautiful; for whether approached by sea or land it has an impressive aspect, girt about, as it is, with waters, and overshadowed by line elms. Yet its full beauty cannot be feit until you explore the high peninsula on which it stands, really an island, since a bridge is its connection with the mainland, and see the continual rise from the endrelling bay to the lotity centre, with shady streets ever climbing or descending hills, while from the high upper windows of many houses far-away views of sea or mountain gladden the dweller in that favored town.

For some reason I had falsely functed that Decring's Woods were to be found soewhere upon those heights o'erlooking the tranguil bay. Of all my boyish dreams.

For some reason I had faisely functed that Decring Woods were to be found soewhere upon those heights o'erleoking the tranquil lay, where sleep the dead sailors who fell in the famous scarlight between the Shannon and the Chesapeake in the War of 1812; so that it was with surprise I discovered the old grove in a valley near the water, hard beset by screening engines and partly befred by fron rails. I was disappointed, too, in the extent of this classic ground; for, though there are sixty-six acres in the city reservation, not all of it is covered with trees, and some of it is in a rough, unfinished condition.

The woods, which were presented by the Decring family to the town in 1879, cover a space about as large as Boston Common, and consist almost entirely of oaks, venerable with age and russet with the touch of autumn when I saw them. Drives wind in and out among antique trees, under which the turf is fresh and green. The underbrush is all cleared away and in the centre is a matural pond of pleasing contours, which is a beautiful feature of this easily accessible pleasure-ground.

which is a beautiful feature of this easily accessible pleasure-ground.

It is to be boped that the city will acquire a certain slope beyond the railroad-ont, which could easily be bridged over to consect it with the grounds; and I understand that more land contiguous is soon to be purchased to give greater importance to the proportions of the little park—for gark the local newspapers persist in calling it, though far more preferable and hallowed is the homely name of Deering's Woods, given to it by the poet, or that other appellation by which it is still known to Portland hoys—Deering's Oaks. It is neither large nor imposing enough to be properly called a park, and the old name fits it perfectly, while it seems to me that somewhere about its gates might be engraved the quotation from the well-known poem, which makes it classic ground:

And Deering's Woods are fresh and fair,

And Decring's Woods are fresh and fulr. And with joy that is almost pain. My heart goes back to wanter there,

And among the scenes of the days that were, I find my lost youth again. And that strange and beautiful son,

And that strange and beautiful son.

The groves are repeating it still,

"A boy's will is the wind's will,

And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."

So associated is her poet son with the city of his birth, that, as one walks under the overarching trees, it is pleasant to come upon Mr. Simmons's scated status of Longfellow at the shaded function of several avenues, looking down "those well-known streets," which he as sweetly commemorates in his verse as "the black wharves and the slips," the "bulwarks by the shore," and that

Breezy dome of groves.

and that

Breezy dome of groves,
which was the occasion of my pilgrinnge to the deal
old town, which cherishes his memory by preserving
the spot he so highly honored with the undying tribute
of song as a perpetual playground for its children.

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